

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Congress Would Settle Racial Question



WASHINGTON.—Senator Spencer of Missouri made an address the other day in support of his bill (S. 4207) for the creation of a racial commission to promote harmony between whites and blacks. He read into it the text of the bill, of which the more important sections are these:

"Be it enacted, etc., That a commission of nine persons, citizens of the United States be, and is hereby created to be known and designated as the commission on the Racial question in the United States of America. The

commission shall be composed of three white men from the South, three white men from the North, and three colored men.

Sec. 2. That said commission shall be appointed by the president of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and shall be divided into three groups of three men in each group, two white and one colored; that the term of the first group shall be for one year, the second for two years, and the third group for three years.

Sec. 3. That the commission shall have authority to inquire into and thoroughly investigate the conditions surrounding the colored people in the United States, ascertain, if possible, the cause of the unrest among them, and, if there be racial friction, the cause of the same, and to suggest such remedies as they may deem best calculated to relieve the situation and to bring about harmonious relations between white and colored Americans."

Historical Significance of the Year 1920

INTERNATIONAL celebration of the centenary of the Pilgrims, owing to delays caused by the great war, will be largely celebrated in 1921 instead of 1920. There are, however, many local celebrations scheduled for the year. In this connection, an address to the American people of the Sulgrave Institution, in association with a long list of American organizations and individuals of prominence, was read into the Congressional Record by Fess of Ohio. This address says, among other things:

It so happens that the year 1920 is doubly significant historically, in that 300 years ago beginning on the 30th of July there was being held in Jamestown, Virginia colony, the first American legislative assembly, called by free men, of lawful age, and of full understanding.

And while these first Americans were instituting self-government on the American continent a little group of English humble folk who during a 12-year sojourn in Holland, to which they had fled from Britain to be free to worship God in the manner of which their conscience approved, was already making ready to go to America and establish in the new world a home of religious freedom.

By one of those strange coincidences which sometimes seem to set aside certain days and endow them with traditional significance, July 30 and November 11 take on such an endowment,



for July 30 joins Cavalier and Pilgrim together as twin sources of that high inspiration which met in the convention of the great Constitution, and November 11 is not only the anniversary day of the Mayflower compact, the second assumption by English colonists in America of an inalienable right of self-government, but is also the memorable day of the beginning of the armistice which closed the great war, in which the descendants of Pilgrim and Cavalier and their kin across seas fought and won together.

Therefore the year 1920 being a historic anniversary year—as well as the fifth year of overmuch dangerous propaganda, false counsel, and loose statement by public characters—it would seem to be vitally essential that there should be brought to the consciousness of the American people in a great national celebration the meaning and the priceless worth of our free institutions.

Deadlock of Congress Over "Free Seeds"



IN THE deadlock between senate and house over the agricultural appropriations bill one of the items—if not the chief item—was that for \$239,416 for "congressional seed distribution." Generally speaking, the senate was determined to abolish this old-time appropriation and the house was determined to retain it. Yet there were many senators for the "seeds" and many representatives against them. Days and days were spent in debate on the subject. Of course, many curious things were said. Here are a few picked at random from the interminable debate:

Senator Gronna, North Dakota—I am quite sure that no senator will contend that a package of seed can be sent through the mails for less than

one cent, and it costs for transportation alone \$10,000,000 and more.

Representative Langley, Kentucky—My observation has been that the men who talk the loudest and protest the most against the distribution of garden seeds are the stingiest men in this house.

Senator King, Utah—I think it is a most disgraceful performance that we should appropriate money for this purpose when we know the object of it and know the misuse of the appropriation.

Senator Thomas, Colorado—Just as long as the house knows that the senate will ultimately yield under the circumstances, just so long will such abuses as this old seed abuse, that is honary with age and claims to be sanctified by time, be continued upon this bill.

Senator Kenyon, Iowa—I do not believe there is anything that has held up the American congress to so much ridicule and contempt as this free-seed item.

Senator Smith, Georgia—I think it is all right. For eight years we have gone through the farce of striking out the seed appropriation in the senate and then yielding to the house.

Like Roll of Drums and Blare of Bugles

SINCE Dr. Eliot of Harvard made his criticism of West Point as an educational institution many defenders of the famous United States Military academy have come to the front, including Secretary of War Baker, who has sent an official communication to congress.

In the great stained glass window above the altar which the cadets face when they march to prayer at West Point shine three words: "Duty: Honor: Country." In that place words are not the mere emblems of an exalted sentiment. They are the basis of the code by which lives of these men are shaped.

In short, the best part of the instruction at West Point is not taught from books. It is character building, democracy, duty, honor, self-reliance. It is training a man to stand on his feet. "In those things," says the West Pointer, "we may have a peer, but we have not a superior on earth."

"It is worth while to know what West Point does not lack. We teach no 'isms': no socialism, no sovietism. Anybody looking to this institution to be the leader in new types of government will look in vain. When we teach the laws of property, we teach them as



written in the laws of the land today. We teach loyalty to authority, to the government as founded. This, in the eyes of many modern educators, makes us anathema."

During the 118 years of the academy's existence the country has never lost a war and the supreme direction of all its wars has been in the hands of West Pointers, and the policies have been academic policies.

No other single institution in this country has produced so many men so pre-eminent in a single calling. The list reads like the roll of drums and the blare of bugles: Grant, Lee, Sherman, Sheridan, Albert Sydney Johnston, Stonewall Jackson, Joe Johnston, George Thomas, George B. McClellan, Goethals, Bullard, Liggett, Pershing, and so on.

Germans Shipping Lambs Into Devastated France



These Germans are sending a shipment of lambs into the devastated regions of France in accord with the terms of the peace treaty.

Seeks Missing Link in Ether

Holyoke Professor Meeting Some Success in Investigation of Waves.

TRYING TO BRIDGE THE GAP

Bunch of Waves in the Ether Is Lost and No One Knows Whither They Go or What They Do.

South Hadley, Mass.—The scientist has another missing link for which to search. This time, however, it is not the biologist who seeks the link but the physicist. A bunch of waves in the ether is lost and no one knows whether they go or what they do. Some of their associates were long ago found, a few others were investigated more recently, but others are still missing. Wireless waves, heat waves, light waves and the waves of the X-rays have been made clear to us. Yet there is an unbridged gap, a gap that is nearer being filled today than it ever has been in the past.

Trying to Bridge the Gap.

A Mount Holyoke college professor, Elizabeth R. Laird, is finding some success at one end of the gap and investigations at the other end were completed some time ago. At the one end are the ultra violet rays and at the other are the Entladungsstrahlen and soft X-rays. It is with this latter class that Miss Laird has had considerable success.

The first of the waves of radiation to be studied were those of visible light. The spectrum received the attention of the physicist, who found that the interval from the red to the violet was, in the language of the physics of sound, less than an octave, the violet rays having less than twice the frequency of the red ones. Naturally the question arose as to exactly what was outside this brief space of waves capable of affecting the sense of vision.

Where the Link Is Missing.

And so outside were found infra-red waves of heat and above these, beyond another gap, were found Hertizian waves used in wireless, while at the

lower end of the spectrum appeared the celebrated ultra-violet ray. Then came the long gap, the missing link for which the physicist is searching, and after that the Entladungsstrahlen, joined to the X-rays. Last on the scale are the gamma-rays, probably in the neighborhood of two five-billionths of an inch in length. From the waves of wireless which are often ten miles long to the minute waves of the gamma-ray, the visible and the invisible spectrum is continuous save for the two harrowing gaps on opposite sides of the visible section.

Armed with a diffraction grating graduated to the ten-thousandths of an inch, a vacuum of high order and apparatus for the production of slow moving electrons, the scientist is on the trail of a wave so small that almost 10,000,000 of them measure but an inch in length. And the physicist gives promise of finding his missing link before his brother scientist, the biologist.

REAL CHIVALRY AMONG HOBOES

Girls, in Continental Hike, Never Insulted Except by Rich Motorists.

TRAMP COUNTRY 18 MONTHS

Co-eds Set Out to Learn of Life in Open West and Find Modern Sir Galahad in Knight of the Road.

Indianapolis.—The modern Sir Galahad stews his evening meal in a tomato can suspended over a fire built of chips from railroad ties, according to two girls "knights of the road," who enjoyed a year and a half of hobo life in a dozen western states and "bammed" their way across the continent. The girls who found present-day chivalry flourishing in a box car are Miss Hazel Gage of La Grange, Ind., and Miss Virna Haskins of Orlando, Ind. Both are graduates of the Tri-State college at Angola, Ind.

They set out in 1917 to learn of the life in the open West. Hobos doffed their caps and courtesied, lonely fishermen placed their cabins at the disposal of the girl pals, and rugged cowpunchers shared their meals on the prairie.

Treated With Respect.

Everywhere the girls were treated with the utmost respect. It was only when the girls accepted automobile rides from the modernized tourists of the East that the dreams of knightly chivalry burst like soap bubbles. The tourists would insist on holding the girls' hands.

Although the girls became expert re-

ASKS SWAMP BE PRESERVED

Government Survey in Plea for Aid for Okefenokee Tract in Southeastern Georgia.

Washington.—Preservation as a permanent government reservation of Okefenokee swamp, which covers 700 square miles in southeastern Georgia, is recommended in a biological survey of the department of agriculture, made public here.

Commercial interests, bent on removing timber from the swamp—the last of the three great swamps on the Atlantic seaboard—will destroy its primeval conditions unless action is taken, the survey stated.

The swamp is said to have no counterpart anywhere in the world, and still is in a primeval state. Among the fresh water swamps east of the Mississippi it is exceeded in size only by the Everglades.

Plowing by Spotlight.

Cincinnati.—Farmers throughout this section are working hard to overcome the handicap of a late spring and are plowing with tractors at night by the aid of spotlights. In Kentucky courts are being adjourned and farmers excused from jury service so that they can stick close to farm work.

THE MISERY OF BACKACHE

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A Missouri Case
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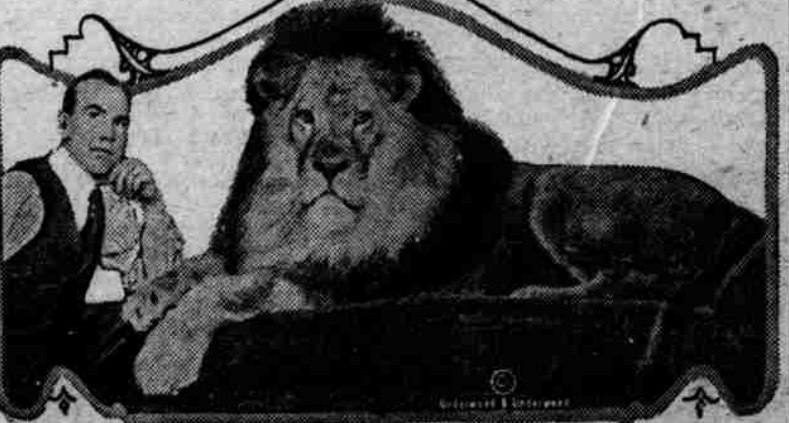
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Lion a Guest in a New York Hotel



Thomas H. Zann, registered from Leavenworth, Wash., brought a tame lion into a New York hotel in a canvas-covered cage, the discovery that there was a lion in the hotel created a sensation, and the department of health ordered "Jim," as he is called, removed. He is on his way with "Jim" to South Africa.

First Hundred Years the Hardest. Jackson, O.—When Mrs. Peggy McDaniel, who is entering her one hundred and sixth year, celebrated her birthday, among the 200 guests was Mrs. Winnie Carter, one hundred and seven years, who lives just ten miles from the McDaniel home.

FORMER KAISER TURNS TAILOR

William Unfortunate to Have Missed Vocation, Says Holland Dispatch.

London.—William of Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, is trying his hand as a tailor, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

He is cutting out patterns for many new suits with which he is going to stock his wardrobe, and the dispatch quotes a trade paper as declaring he is "excelling at the job."

"How unfortunate it is," says this paper, "that William missed his vocation. After all the notoriety he achieved as an emperor, one can imagine what would have been his fame as a tailor."

Death Invades a Crap Game.

Elkins, W. Va.—A half-dozen men jumped out of a second-story window when the police raided a crap game. John Coleman was impaled on the picket of an iron fence dying almost instantly.